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AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PRESENT CRISIS

(The following, signed by prominent members of the Christian Church in America, expresses so clearly and forcefully our own convictions concerning America's duty in the present world crisis. that we present it to our readers and trust they will assist in giving it the widest possible publicity.—Editor)

THE undersigned members of the Christian church in America previously affirmed their common conviction that, in the European war ethical issues are involved which claim the sympathy and support of American Christians. Developments, then unforeseen by many, require the elaboration of that declaration.

I.

Each day makes the deeper significance of the European conflict more inescapable.

1. A decisive German victory, now an ominous possibility, would menace not only democratic government but the most elemental securities and liberties for the peoples of the whole of Western Europe. This is true not merely for Great Britain and France but even more decisively for the peoples of the smaller nations. What has occurred in Finland, Denmark, Norway and Holland, as well as in Poland and Czechoslovakia, makes the issue transparent: It is the preservation of freedom for life, for worship, for thought and the basic essentials for humane living for tens of millions of citizens in progressive and peace-loving nations.

2. Both the interests and the ideals of the United States are imperilled. A decisive German victory would leave the United States the only powerful democratic nation in the world. This country would confront the continents of Europe and Asia under the domination of ruthless tyrannies. There is some evidence that Nazi ambitions do not stop short of Latin America. German victory would render obsolete our accustomed conception of America as a continent secure in geographic isolation. It would doom this nation for a generation to a stupendous program of national preparedness in which virtually all interests, individual and social, would be subordinated to the single purpose of rendering this hemisphere secure against attack.

3. The hour has come when the American people must decide whether they are prepared to face the future in a position of virtual isolation, surrounded by powerful victors made strong by practices destructive of American ideals, or whether they will lend to the European nations struggling desperately against the German threat such support as may yet enable them to halt that aggression.

II.

However, more is at stake than national self-interest. A German victory which would destroy the liberties of free peoples and subordinate all life under the rule of political totalitarianism would endanger every value embodied in western civilization by the Christian faith and by humanistic culture.

We reaffirm that all nations including our own share responsibility for the conflict and that Allied victory would not of itself assure the establishment of justice and peace. But we are committed to the realization of a community of nations founded in justice as the only firm hope for the peace of the world, and we hold that the halting of Nazi aggression is prerequisite to the possibility of world order.

When men or nations must choose between two evils, the choice of the lesser evil becomes Christian duty. That is the alternative confronting the American people now.

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SECULARISM

Wm. Parsons, D.D.

It is popular today to denounce the "ism". Whenever a speaker or writer takes the trouble to outline the category of his isms, it usually contains these four: socialism, bolshevism, facism and nazism. But no voice is lifted except here and there in the church to denounce the worst ism of them all, secularism. It is worse because it is the mother of them all. Its parentage is atheism and materialism and its grandfather is Satan himself.

Defining this ism briefly, it is the attempt to organize society apart from God. It is the setting up of the authority of organized society above that of God. The total ignoring of the authority of God.

Four Forms of Secularism

The deification of the Emperor in that period of Rome's history between the reigns of Augustus and Constantine is one illustration of it. The present Japanese ideal of the Emperor's authority is the striking modern illustration in addition to the three totalitarian European powers. The revolutionary government of France in the eighteenth century was the first democratic embodiment of it. So we have four forms of it confronting us today. The Japanese, which is a hold over from the ancient world. The second is socialism in its various forms. Joseph L. Ewing, in his recent articles in the Presbyterian has rendered a distinct service by tracing the history of this ism back to its atheistic sources more than three hundred years ago, and showing how the three governmental forms that are plaguing the world today all stem from this same root. Some Christians have deluded themselves into believing that they can unite the economic theories of socialism with the doctrines of Christianity. If they ever succeeded in doing this the result would be a barren hybrid or something like the baptized paganism of hinterland South America.

The third form we encounter is the totalitarian state, the authority of which is declared to be supreme, above God and better than God. The three examples of this are Russia, Germany and the government of Mussolini in Italy. We could not correctly say Italy for that unhappy country has a triheaded government, the King, the Vatican and the dictator. Mussolini has doubtless been considerably restrained by the other two, from completely secularizing the nation's life and institutions. But he is on the way and would if he could.

The fourth form taken by this ism today is that practical secularism of the French government and the federal structure of the United States. Both come down from the French Revolution. By 1787 the ideas of Voltaire and the Encyclopedists had penetrated this country to the extent that in the Constitutional Convention the majority objected to prayer and instead of announcing the submission to the authority of God, as the Philadelphia convention did in 1776 they set up the authority of "We the people". When Alexander Hamilton was asked later why the convention failed to recognize the authority of God, he replied, "I declare, sir, we forgot it". I think Hamilton was correct in so far as he was concerned but it is to be doubted if that could be said of all of that body. The result has been that ever since the nation has limped along without a recognized moral authority except that supplied by the states and the conscience of the minority of its citizens.

Fruit of Secularism in U. S.

This statement will no doubt be indignantly denied by many but here is the fruit of such a secularism during the last twenty years, the relegalizing of gambling in most of the states, although once outlawed, the passage of the beer bill by Congress months before the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed, the nonchalant way that provision was ripped out of the Constitution regardless of law or fair politics, the repudiation of the gold clause contracts of the Federal government, the MacIntosh-Bland decision of the Supreme Court and the aid rendered to Italy, Japan and Russia, while weeping crocodile tears over the fate of Abyssinia, China and Finland. All of this is simply the result of the lack of moral bearings or purpose so that it can be truthfully said that the difference between the United States and Germany is one of development.

In whatever form or degree this ideal becomes embodied in the life of a nation it creates indifference toward morality in government, it hinders the development of moral idealism necessary to meet new occasions, it hinders the spiritual work of the church and throws a burden of moral education upon the church which it is not able to bear. Where it comes into conflict with the individual conscience it declares that the will of the state must be supreme and by removing the protection of Sabbath laws shuts out millions from the life of the church.

Sooner or later it wrecks every attempt to build a Christian civilization. The history of the last twenty years shows an example of that in the United States. No Christian civilization can long exist in such tendencies. The result is inevitable, regimentation, the loss of civil and religious liberties, in the end even natural rights are swept away in the vain attempt to build stable institutions upon the foundation of unstable unregenerated humanity.

The Present Conflict

In my judgment the present conflict in Europe and Asia is the last of the seven judgments of God poured out upon that part of the world to teach them the futility of human authority and to teach them to hate and despise secularism to the extent that they will eliminate it root and branch. It might not be amiss here as descriptive of present conditions to paraphrase Lincoln's second inaugural address. "The Almighty has his purposes. Woe unto the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offenses come but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh."

If we shall suppose that *"secularism"* is one of those offenses which in the providence of God must needs come and which having continued through his appointed time he now wills to remove and that he gives the *nations of the world these terrible wars* as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discover there any departure from the divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to him?"

Fondly do we hope and fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may soon pass away, yet if God wills that it continue until every drop of blood drawn by *tyranny and oppression* shall be paid for by another drawn by the sword; as was said three thousand years ago, so it must be said today that the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether".

The only hopeful sign of the present day is the blind hatred that is growing up in the world for that form of government. I call it a blind hatred because few people realize where we are and what brought the world into this condition.

God's Judgments on the Nations

At the risk of being called a fanatic and a fool I am going to take a glance at that great chart of the ages, the

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The Problem of Tobacco

By Howard E. Kershner

Although treading in dangerous territory for which I shall no doubt be criticized, I nevertheless feel it laid upon me to say a few words about tobacco. I do this in the interest of following the light as I see it, and not as a personal criticism of anyone. I think I have no prejudice in the matter, and view it merely as a question of physiology, a problem of health and well being. Certainly I would not want to lose spiritual fellowship with those who smoke, while at the same time I strongly feel that we owe it, especially to our young people, to make available such information as we have upon the subject.

Tobacco shortens life. Dr. Raymond Pearl, Professor of Biology at Johns Hopkins University, traced the record of 300,000 men from the age of thirty onward. One-third were non-smokers, one-third moderate smokers and one-third heavy smokers. At the age of sixty, 67 per cent of the non-smokers were living, 62 per cent of the moderate smokers, and only 46 per cent of the heavy smokers. This agrees with my own observations from studying the records of over 4,000 men. I noticed that many of these men died of heart failure in the prime of life. In each case I made it a point to inquire as to the man's smoking habits. Nearly always I found that he was a heavy smoker. It is a noticeable fact that until recent years women have not been nearly so subject to heart failure in the prime of life. Some years ago when women began to smoke I made a prediction that after they had smoked for twenty years we would find the mortality from heart disease in the prime of life as high among women as among men. Lately my observations lead me to believe that this prediction is coming true.

Last year one of the world's leading biologists told me that he did not believe the evolutionary process could continue to produce a finer and stronger race if women as well as men smoked. He was very pessimistic about the offspring where both parents smoked.

We know that the heart beat of an unborn infant is accelerated five or six per minute while its mother is smoking. We know that nicotine in minute quantities is given to puppies and kittens to keep them from growing and produce dwarfs. We know that a smoking mother bathes the cells of her unborn child with blood containing nicotine. Physicians have stated that children of smoking mothers are sometimes born with tobacco hearts. The leading gynecologist of a great city told me that smoking women recovered much more slowly after childbirth and in case of complications they were much less likely to recover at all. The dean of a great medical school told me that he emphatically warned his students not to smoke if they wished to preserve their physical powers at the highest possible degree of efficiency. Smoking shortens the "wind" and lowers physical endurance. We know it lessens accuracy in target shooting, typewriting and similar tests.

Dr. Kellogg, of the Battle Creek Sanitorium, says that smoking constricts the arteries and puts a 10 per cent extra load on the heart. This means that smoking a few cigarettes a day causes the heart to expend an extra amount of energy each day equivalent to that required to lift twelve tons one foot from the floor. No wonder the heart wears out sooner. No wonder athletes are not allowed to smoke. But the race of life is certainly more important than any athletic race, so why handicap oneself for the major undertaking of life? Dr. Kellogg further states that "Tobacco is a heart poison." We know that smoking not only accelerates but causes great irregularity in the heart beat. If a young person could see the record of his heart beat after he had smoked for thirty years he would not smoke.

As a boy I considered the matter and decided that I would not acquire a habit that would not only be expensive and dirty, but would make me uncomfortable all the waking hours of my life unless I was manipulating a cigarette, cigar or pipe with one hand and a match and ash tray with the other. I did not want to be a slave to such a binding habit. I was comfortable without it and I did not want to make myself so uncomfortable that all the rest of my life "I'd walk a mile for a Camel." Tobacco confers no sense of well being or pleasure, until its use, like all narcotics, has made one uncomfortable without it. Then its continued use merely restores one's comfort. It does not create any comfort, it only dispels the sense of discomfort that the smoker feels without it. And that discomfort would never have been felt if the drug had not created it. So in effect the smoker subjects himself to life-long discomfort all for the sake of the pleasure he feels in being made comfortable again when he smokes. It is like my friend who said he liked to wear a tight pair of shoes because it felt so good when he took them off.

Nicotine is a violent poison and tobacco smoke also contains other powerful poisons such as carbon monoxide, prussic acid and furfurol. A canary exposed to a moderate amount of cigarette smoke will die in a few minutes. So would a human being were it not for the fact that his liver and his kidneys have the power of neutralizing the poison. But if one uses his bodily organs to neutralize poison they are less able as the years go on to perform their normal functions and he is far more likely to become a victim of disease. I was once present at a serious operation where the surgeon told me the patient would not have recovered had he been a smoker. Several times I have been told the same thing in the case of pneumonia or other serious disease.

Luther Burbank would not employ anyone who smoked, as it injured the delicate plants with which he was experimenting. Japanese who attend silk worms are not allowed to smoke, as it would kill the worms.

Over the years that I have studied this question I have accumulated much evidence that I could go on piling up, but space fails. Surely I have said enough to show that we have a duty to inform our young people about tobacco. Surely the mothers of the race should refrain from smoking at least until after their children are born. Surely we cannot view with unconcern the fact that the habit of smoking has crossed the barrier of sex, invaded the realm of childhood and is marching steadily toward the cradle.

—*Friends Intelligencer.*

Rev. George E. Brenneman

Rev. George E. Brenneman, a pastor in the Methodist Church and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Reform Association, was recently called to his eternal reward. We regret his passing and extend our sympathy to his family. Following a meeting of our Board of Directors, a more extended notice of his labors will be given in these columns.

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A WAY OF LIFE

In the democracies of Europe—in the little democracies in the danger zones; in the more fortunate democracies of Scandanavia; above all, in the great democracies of France and Britain—the average American finds a way of life which he knows instinctively to be the way of life which he himself has chosen.

He knows that these democracies are the outposts of our own kind of civilization, of the democratic system, of the progress we have achieved through the methods of self government and of the progress we still hope to make tomorrow. He knows that if these outposts are overrun by the dictatorships of either Right or Left we shall find ourselves deprived of friends. He knows that, despite geographical remoteness and a traditional desire to avoid entanglements in other people's quarrels, we are inevitably the natural allies of the democracies of Europe.

In any ultimate test of strength between democracy and dictatorship, the good-will and the moral support—and in the long run more likely than not the physical power of the United States—will be found on the side of those nations defending a way of life which is our own way and the only way of life which Americans believe to be worth living.

—Editorial, The New York Times.

ISOLATION—A SIN AND A FAILURE

The United States is beginning to reap the bitter fruit of her international policy of isolation and neutrality of the last two decades.

She entered the World War and helped to win it, to end war and make the world safe for democracy. Then, when she was needed most of all in the peace that followed and in the setting up of a new world order, she withdrew. She refused to enter the League of Nations, the instrumentality which was set up for settling international disputes without resort to war. She left the League, the child begotten of American aspirations, a foundling upon the doorstep of Europe, crawled into her own skin, condemned the nations across the sea, outworn, bleeding, their hearts torn by hate "to stew in their own juice" and thus made the world safe, not for democracy, but for the gangsterism of the totalitarian states.

If the United States had entered the League, and as its most powerful member, continued to throw the weight of her mighty influence and power on the side of justice, law and order in international relationships—used her influence to modify the harsher terms of the Versailles Treaty after the heat of war passion had cooled, and when the aggression of the totalitarian powers upon the weaker nations begun with Japan's attack upon Manchuria, she along with the other liberty-loving nations in the League, had clamped down upon Japan, as they would have been able to do—this terrible train of events, which has headed up in Hitler's Satanic effort to destroy liberty and Christianity, might all have been avoided. But partisanship, personalities, and the isolation-neutrality policy prevailed over common sense, over Christian statesmanship, over our national sense of responsibility to God and humanity for righteousness, law, order and peace among the nations of the world. America has failed in meeting her obligations to the world. The consequences of her failure to herself, and the world, we are beginning to see, and they are terrible. Other nations too have failed, but it becomes us in this hour when they are in Gethsemane to look upon our own national sins.

Now that there is fear the Allies may lose the war, America is awakening to the stark reality of the situation. She is realizing that if the Allies lose, the United States is the only strong democratic nation left in the world to confront the totalitarian powers, out to destroy not only democracy but liberty and Christianity throughout the wide world. In view of this danger we are arming at feverish haste.

But this is all over the dam. Why bring it up now? For this reason. The failure of the isolation-neutrality, "mind-your-own-business" policy we have been following should lead the United States to a complete reversal of this policy. Let her accept responsibility up to the full measure of her power for righteousness, justice, the establishment of law and order among all the nations of the earth, and bend all her efforts to meet this responsibility. This is the sensible policy. We are firmly convinced it is the Christian policy. A nation can no more live to itself and be Christian, than an individual. The tragic consequences of the democratic nations, each looking out only for itself, we are witnessing today. There must be a coming together of the democratic, liberty-loving nations of the earth, in something like the League of Nations, to meet the present situation and before peace can be established in the world. In this movement let the United States lead.

PROHIBITION PARTY PLATFORM AND NOMINEES

The first National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States met in Chicago, May 8th to 10th inclusive. It was the convention of the Prohibition Party which nominated for the above offices two business men one of whom is at least outstanding in the American business world. For President, Roger W. Babson of Massachusetts, nationally known as an authority on business conditions and also as an outstanding religious leader, and Edgar V. Moorman of Illinois, President of the Moorman Manufacturing Company, dealers in stock feeds and farm poultry and supplies which has 5,000 salesmen scattered over a large territory and 400 employees in the office, everyone of whom must be a member of some church. With candidates of this recognized standing the Prohibition Party should this year be able to command the attention of the American people as it has not done in many years.

The platform adopted by the Party while keeping the overthrow of the liquor traffic to the front is more inclusive than former platforms have been. Naming among other evils specifically harmful narcotics, commercialized gambling, indecent publications, debasing moving pictures and block booking thereof, deceptive radio broadcasting, political graft and injustices of all kinds. The platform also deals rather specifically with economic issues. Its plank regarding the need of a spiritual awakening is worthy of special note. To accomplish these and other worthy ends the plank states "we believe there must be a

change in the purpose, motives, and lives of our people." To this end "the development of character—integrity, industry, self control, initiative, a desire to be of service and willingness to make sacrifices—must be the first aim of parents and teachers. Such a change in the hearts of employers, wage earners and consumers would so develop confidence as to restore real estate values, eliminate unemployment and assure equal opportunities to all. We, therefore, especially pledge ourselves for better and more useful public schools, and the teaching therein of fundamental moral precepts."

Declaring that on account of entangling alliances with corrupt interests the major political parties are unable to take a definite stand on moral issues they asserted there must be a union of church people and others who stand first for righteousness into a "Third Party." On this basis they appeal to American citizens for their support in the coming national election.

CARL LAEMMLE—REPEAL AND THE MOVIES

Frequently in the columns of The Christian Statesman we have criticized the leaders of the motion picture industry for their failure to maintain decent standards of morals in the pictures which they produce and for the part they have taken in breaking down our Sabbath laws and for a disregard for the sacred character and uses of the Lord's Day. It is only fair that when there is opportunity to do so, we should commend these leaders.

Following the recent death of Carl Laemmle, President of Universal Pictures Corporation, it is fitting that a word should be said in reference to the character, the moral standards, and the sensible leader in the motion picture business. We believe him to be among the very best of all these motion picture leaders and as far as our knowledge goes he has sought to produce pictures far above the average morally of those produced by other companies. His opposition to the repeal of the 18th Amendment was particularly gratifying along with his sensible views regarding the effect the return of the legalized saloon would have upon the business interests of the motion picture industry. In 1932 he prepared a straight-from-the-shoulder talk against repeal and caused it to be widely published throughout the country. From this talk we quote as follows:

"A large part of the money which will go to saloons for beer, and beer taxation, will come out of the movie business.

"Unless I miss my guess, the major part of it will come out of us, and my object in bringing it up now is to arouse you to the fact that, for business reasons if for no other, you and I have got to fight the return of the saloon as we would a pestilence.

"The movie business never took such a spurt as it did when saloons were closed, when prohibition was first enacted as a law, and before it got to be an old story and became a joke.

"The millions of nickels that used to slide over the bar for a seidel of beer and the millions of dimes which used to be spent in rushing the growler, began to pour into movie theaters. The man who earned a living by the sweat of his brow then began to take his family to the movies instead of soaking up the brew of the nation.

"The saloon will not create one single new dollar of money. It will simply mean that the dollar which has been spent on the movies and on semi-luxuries and even on necessities will be, in part, spent somewhere else. That part of it will be lost to you and me."

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In the light of these facts, we urge that the United States immediately enlist its moral and material resources in support of the Allied nations. Such assistance, we believe, offers the best hope of avoiding either military involvement in this war or a later single-handed encounter with victorious totalitarian powers, east and west. Only by concentrating every effort upon preparing herself for defense and by proffering wealth and supplies to the nations now struggling desperately to stem the tide can America hope to keep war from the Western Hemisphere and safeguard liberty, justice and honor for all nations, including herself.

Lastly we would urge the necessity of quick and resolute action. This is the hour when democracy must justify itself by capacity for effective decision, or risk destruction or disintegration. Europe is dotted with the ruins of right decisions taken too late. Not a day can be spared.—John C. Bennett, William Adams Brown, Charles C. Burlingham, Henry Sloane Coffin, Sherwood Eddy, Henry W. Hobson, Ivan Lee Holt, Lynn Harold Hough, F. Ernest Johnson, W. P. Ladd, Mildred McAfee, John A. Mackay, Elizabeth C. Morrow, John R. Mott, William Allen Neilson, Reinhold Niebuhr, Justin Wroe Nixon, Edward L. Parsons, Howard Chandler Robbins, William Scarlett, Charles Seymour, Henry K. Sherrill, Robert E. Speer, Charles P. Taft, Henry St. George Tucker, Henry P. Van Dusen, Henry M. Wriston.

Christians, whether laymen or clergy, who desire to associate themselves with the above views are invited to send their names to any of the signatories or to Dr. H. P. Van Dusen, 99 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

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Book of Revelation. It naturally divides itself into two major parts at the end of Chapter Eleven. From there on to the end of Chapter Nineteen apply to the modern world. It pictures there, from the time of the Reformation the growth of four mighty forces, satanic activity, chapter 12; Secularism, chapter 13; 1-10; man made religious organizations, chapter 13; 11-18; and the multitude of those who are united to Christ by a living faith. The book says plainly that the seven vials of God's wrath are poured out upon the nations as judgments upon these two beasts, which are the second and third here mentioned. The outcome of this struggle will be the destruction of the totalitarian secularism. There will be no peace until man's blind hatred of these ideals has changed into a god-like, intelligent purpose to destroy them from the face of the earth.

What then shall we do in this crisis?

First of all thank God that we as a nation are not immediately in the path of this storm. Then pray God that He give us the wisdom to get rid of the last trace of secularism from our own government.

Teach and preach the authority of Christ over the nations and plead for divine protection from further infiltration of it. Read the twenty-eighth chapter of Deuteronomy at least once a week until we learn it. Pray for the triumph of Christian idealism in this present war and do what we can to help those who are fighting our battle for us. Be prepared to take part in any constructive endeavor after the war is over to erect the machinery of international peace. Get rid of our political isolationists. If we do not they will kill any future endeavor to reorganize society as they did the League of Nations. Be ready to bind up the wounds of war when it has passed away. In order to do that we

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Association Activities

Within the past 12 months, the National Reform Association has published 342,000 copies of our four-page County Liquor Leaflets for 14 Pennsylvania counties.

Rev. H. B. Mansell represented the National Reform Association at the quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Federated Legislative Committee held at Harrisburg on May 7th.

Dr. R. H. Martin filled 13 speaking engagements in Kansas in 12 days—April 24th to May 5th, at Topeka, Hutchinson, Sterling and Winchester. Three of these addresses were at the 75th Annual Convention of the Kansas Council on Christian Education, one at the general session on "Jesus and the Present World Situation" and two at a Conference on Sabbath Observance. About 1,500 delegates attended this convention. An address on the Sabbath was also given at the Kansas Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The distribution of 25,000 copies of a Westmoreland County (Pa.) Liquor leaflet has just been completed. This county has a population of nearly 300,000. The leaflets have been judiciously distributed in nearly every section of the county in some places in churches and Bible schools, in others from house to house. Rev. R. A. Blair of New Kensington secured 6,000 copies and is having them distributed from house to house. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the county, and quite a number of pastors have cooperated heartily not only in their distribution but also in helping to secure funds to meet the expense. These all have our thanks.

Many letters of commendation of the last issue of The Christian Statesman devoted to "The Bible and Religion in the Public Schools" have been received from leading educators and religious leaders throughout the country. Among these was a letter from Dr. Luther Weigle of the Yale Divinity School declaring he was in substantial agreement with everything contained in this issue. We have had orders for several hundred copies of this issue. We still have extra copies which can be secured at the rate of ten cents per copy.

On May 27th the President of the National Reform Association addressed the Methodist Ministerial Association of Pittsburgh on "The Challenge of Jesus to Recover the Sabbath." About half of those present, probably 60, participated in the discussion that followed the address. A deep concern regarding the Sabbath situation was expressed, and the unanimous judgment seemed to be that something must be done to meet this situation.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America requests of its congregations that they take an offering for the work of the National Reform Association. This past year the offering of these congregations amounted to $1,-621.00. At its meeting this year at Winona Lake, Indiana, beginning June 6th, Dr. Martin will report on work accomplished and the program of the Association for the coming year.

WHY NOT WINONA?

Many readers of The Christian Statesman will soon be leaving their homes and the routine of their daily work for a period of from one to four weeks for rest and recuperation. Where shall they go?

We recommend Winona Lake, Indiana, where is located the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Winona is a beautiful spot. The grounds are ample and studded with stately trees. Included in them is a large lake affording bathing and boating facilities. The management has provided wholesome recreations of many varieties. Winona is centrally located, 112 miles east of Chicago, and easily reached by rail, bus and auto. It has hotels with modern equipment, and cottages where the living expenses are very reasonable.

However, Winona's greatest attraction is found in its educational and religious programs. The Assembly program, June 30th to August 4th, gives the opportunity of hearing some of the finest entertainers and speakers of America. On Sabbaths at the morning and evening services of worship some of America's greatest preachers give the messages. The world's greatest Bible Conference is held on the Winona grounds, August 11th to 18th. Some twenty or more conferences are held on these grounds between the first of June and the last of August—youth conferences, church conferences, evangelistic and reform conferences. Among these is the Christian Citizenship Conference, under the auspices of the National Reform Association, to which we would call special attention. This Conference begins on Monday, July 22nd and continues one full week. You will find the program in full—speakers and subjects on page 8—in this issue of The Christian Statesman. The subjects are vital and the speakers are able and informed, well qualified to discuss the subjects on which they are to speak. The messages will be of interest to all but should be of special interest and value to Christian ministers and religious leaders generally.

Come and spend at least this week of this Conference at Winona and stay longer if you can. The management offers special hotel rates to those who attend this Conference throughout the week.

Our limited space will not permit a detailed statement regarding the many good things Winona has provided for those who go there this summer. For the Winona program and other information write Mr. Arthur McKee, Manager, Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Winona Lake, Indiana.

BEAVER COUNTY CAMPAIGN

At a recent County-wide Rally held in Beaver, Pa. the following were chosen as officers and members of the Beaver County Branch of the National Reform Association: Rev. W. W. McKinney, Chairman, Ambridge; Chester A. Lewis, Vice Chairman, Beaver Falls; Floyd Atwell, Secretary, Beaver Falls; Rev. W. W. Willis, New Galilee; Frank F. Swick, Daugherty Township; Rev. E. J. Vandervort, New Brighton; Mrs. F. F. Farnham, Ambridge; Walter S. Bazard, Midland; W. Agnew Bliss, Beaver; Rev. J. G. Reed, Hookstown; A. D. Dungan, Aliquippa and Mrs. John C. Wright, Rochester.

The committee is carrying forward an extensive and aggressive educational campaign on behalf of Temperance and the Sabbath which includes the following:

1. Reaching 25,000 people, most of them young people in the public schools, with the truth about alcohol in an illustrated lecture on "Health and Alcohol" in which 100 beautiful colored art slides recently purchased by the Association, are being used. These are being shown in the schools to the students from the fifth grade up and to junior and senior high school students.

Book Reviews

"DRAGONS IN THE WIND"

Into this book of 48 pages Miss Ethel Hubler, Editor of The National Voice, has put her dynamic personality. It is packed with more up-to-the-minute facts and figures to refute the misstatements of the liquor industry than are usually found in much larger volumes. It also contains much usable material which appeals to the emotions as well as the intellect and we need to appeal to the emotions as well as to the intellect in fighting this iniquity.

It was at once acclaimed as the most useful book of its kind and the demand for it has already made necessary a second printing of it.

The book is highly commended by outstanding religious leaders. "Dragons in the Wind," says Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Helms, "peppers the liquor traffic with red hot shot." "It will be read by tens of thousands," says Bob Shuler.

Speakers and teachers need just such material as it contains. Our advice is get it, read it. It can be secured at twenty-five cents a copy by addressing The National Voice, Box 23, Los Angeles, California.

"THE AMAZING STORY OF REPEAL"—AN EXPOSE OF THE POWER OF PROPAGANDA

This book of 450 pages, by Fletcher Dobyns, nationally known Chicago lawyer and author of "The Underworld of American Politics" published several years ago, in the judgment of a noted journalist is destined to become "the Gospel of America's Temperance forces."

It is truly an amazing story. Here for the first time is assembled the unvarnished facts regarding the fifteen years' program of nullification, law defiance and misrepresentation of National Prohibition that, engineered by a group of millionaire drinkers and aided by the whiplash of political pressure, brought the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The complete story of how this was brought about, of how the Du Ponts and their cronies launched their fight to scuttle National Prohibition as early as 1918, are here detailed from the secret official records now in the Federal government's archives.

In this book is also assembled for the first time, the altogether too widely suppressed record of economic and social benefits which accrued to the people over large areas wherever honest administration of the National Prohibition law prevailed.

At the same time the book discloses the fact that the methods employed by the liquor interests during the prohibition era, and previously, are identical with the tactics being used today to mislead the people and whitewash a trade that realizes public sentiment is rapidly turning against it.

Beyond all this, the book is a terrific exposure of vicious propaganda methods that never before in history carried to such lengths deception, camouflage and hypocrisy. The entire book is carefully annotated with references to authoritative sources for every important fact presented. Were it not for this the author would in all likelihood have on his hands hundreds of lawsuits.

Even though the book is expensive—$3.00 per copy—it should be in public libraries, church, college and school libraries, upon the desk of ministers, educators, lawyers, editors, business executives and civic-minded citizens throughout the length and breadth of America. Physically—in paper, type, binding—the book is everything that could be desired.

It is published by Willett, Clark and Company of the Christian Century, Chicago, Ill. $3.00 per copy. If any of our readers wish to order it through The Christian Statesman, send money order for the above amount and we will see that it is sent you.

Can Christianity Survive?

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has just sent out to editors a booklet of 14 pages with the above title by Dr. Stanley High, in which he has brought together the most important Nazi pronouncements attacking Christianity. We regret that lack of space makes it impossible for us to quote from these pronouncements. They prove beyond doubt that "the Hitler regime is determined to extirpate every element and ideal of Christianity from the lives of the German people. They prove also that Nazism is a movement of world-wide revolution; that its aim is not only the Nazification of Germany, but the subjugation of the entire world. The attack upon Christianity in Germany, therefore, is but the prelude to an assault upon organized Christianity everywhere. It is a twentieth century, revolutionary paganism, devised for the purpose of supplanting every vestige of the Christian way of life."

"The issues, therefore," says Dr. High, "with which Adolph Hitler has confronted western civilization are not so much political and economic as they are moral and religious—he proposes to destroy both the faith on which the church is founded and the way of life to which it is committed . . . Whatever statesmen may decide about the political and economic menace of Hitlerism, there can be no choice among Christians, as to his moral and religious menace."

Copies of this booklet can be obtained, without cost, by writing to The Publication Committee, Room 412, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York N. Y.

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2. Publication and distribution of 25,000 copies of a 1939 Beaver County Liquor Leaflet similar to the one published in 1937.

3. Requesting all pastors of the county to preach on the same day (so far as possible) on Sabbath observance and presenting each with a free copy of our book, "Six Studies on the Day." (At this date a very large majority of the pastors have done so.)

4. Providing without cost, 1,000 copies of the above book for Bible classes, or other groups, that will study the Sabbath for a period of six weeks, or the equivalent. At this date nearly one-half this number of these books have been called for.

5. Providing special literature and assisting communities in the county in organizing for local option contests on Sunday movies at the November, 1940 Election.

To secure the funds necessary to carry forward this program for 1940 a Finance Committee was appointed and is now at work securing contributions from individuals and getting on the budget of a number of congregations.

SECULARISM

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shall have to, to get rid of our political spenders who have brought us so near to the brink of helplessness at the present time. And if we find ourselves engulfed in this war in spite of our desire to avoid it and the passion of the secularists conquest and force is unabated, give them force in the name of God until they come to hate even the name of this modern Moloch.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA—The Christian Temple

Monday, July 22nd to Sabbath, July 28th, 1940

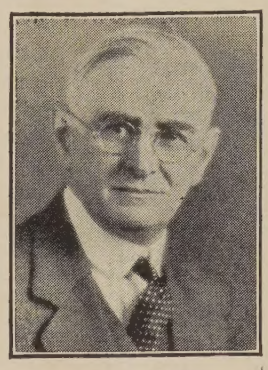
Daily Program, July 22nd to 26th—9 O'clock to 12:00. **Sabbath, July 28th—11:00 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.**

SPEAKERS

Dr. Duncan

Dr. McKinney

Dr. Patton



Rev. Mansell

Dr. Martin

PROGRAM

(Daily Open Forums a Feature of this Conference.)

9:00 O'CLOCK HOUR

Daily Subject: "REBUILDING THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICA"

MONDAY—". . . In the Home."
Rev. W. W. McKinney, Ph.D.,
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,
Ambridge, Pa.

TUESDAY—". . . In the Nation."
Dr. McKinney

WEDNESDAY—". . . In Education."
Dr. McKinney

THURSDAY—". . . In the Public Schools."
Dr. McKinney

FRIDAY—". . . In Our Colleges."
Prof. E. K. Patton, Ph.D.,
Department of Psychology, Geneva College,
Beaver Falls, Pa.

10:00 O'CLOCK HOUR

Daily Subject: "RETHINKING THE PLACE OF THE SABBATH IN AMERICA."

MONDAY—"The Sabbath As God's Day."
Rev. R. H. Martin, D.D., President,
The National Reform Association,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

TUESDAY—"The Sabbath As Man's Day."
Dr. Martin

WEDNESDAY—"The Sabbath and An Indifferent Church."
Dr. Martin

THURSDAY—"The Sabbath—The Breakdown of Sabbath Laws."
Dr. Martin

FRIDAY—"The Sabbath and the Movie Barons."
Dr. Martin

11:00 O'CLOCK HOUR

Daily Subject: "REVIVING THE CRUSADING SPIRIT IN AMERICA."

MONDAY—"The Church and the Liquor Traffic."
Rev. H. B. Mansell, Pastor,
Methodist Church, Windber, Pa.

TUESDAY—"The Citizen and the Liquor Traffic."
Mr. Mansell

WEDNESDAY—"Checking the Gambling Craze."
Mr. Mansell

THURSDAY—"Reviving the Crusading Spirit Among Our Young People."
Dr. Patton

FRIDAY—"The Responsibility of America for World Righteousness and Peace."
Rev. W. W. T. Duncan, D.D., LL.D.

SABBATH, JULY 28th*

SPEAKER—REV. W. W. T. DUNCAN, D.D., LL.D.
Pastor, Lakewood Methodist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

11:00 A. M.—"Christ's Law of Burden Bearing."
6:30 P. M.—"The Abundant Life."

*The regular Winona Lake Sabbath services. Dr. Duncan the guest preacher for the day.

This Christian Citizenship Conference is under the auspices of The National Reform Association, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. R. H. Martin, D.D., President. The Winona Lake Christian Assembly is heartily cooperating in promoting it.

While of interest to all Christian patriots, this conference will be of special interest and value to ministers, Bible school teachers and to leaders in many organizations dealing with the social and moral problems that confront our country and the world in this crucial hour. To all such a special invitation is extended to attend.

All of the speakers are men of knowledge and wide experience, well qualified to discuss the subjects on which they are to speak.

There is no charge for admission to the conference, but opportunity will be given to those attending to contribute toward meeting the conference expenses.

Special rates are offered by the Winona hotels to those attending the conference throughout the week. For rates and further information write The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., or the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Winona Lake, Indiana.